IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

SECOND AMENDMENT FOUNDATION, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 3:21-cv-0116-B

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES, et al.,

Defendants.

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's May 4, 2021 Order granting Agreed Motion to Stay and June 15, 2021 Order extending the stay, the parties respectfully submit the following joint status report.

On June 10, 2021, Defendants published in the Federal Register a proposed rule on "Factoring Criteria for Firearms With Attached 'Stabilizing Braces,'" 86 Fed. Reg. 30826 (June 10, 2021). During the 90-day public comment period ending September 8, 2021, the agency received 211,564 comments, which it has begun processing. *See* Rulemaking Docket. ¹ The next steps in the rulemaking process—including the agency's processing of all of the comments it has received—are expected to require more than 120 days.

In light of these developments, and in the interest of judicial economy, the parties have conferred and agree that this case and all proceedings should continue to be held in abeyance to allow Defendants to undertake these steps.

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¹ Available at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/ATF-2021-0002.

Additionally, the parties have conferred and request that the parties be permitted to file a joint status report on or before January 19, 2022, indicating whether this case and all proceedings should continue to be held in abeyance.

In the event the parties are of the view that the case should not remain stayed, they would include a proposed schedule for continuing the litigation in the joint status report.

Dated: September 21, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Conference

The parties have conferred about the relief requested herein and are in agreement about it.

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Certificate of Service

On September 21, 2021, I electronically submitted the foregoing document with the clerk of court for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, using the electronic case filing system of the court. I hereby certify that I have served all parties electronically or by another manner authorized by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b)(2).

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